

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIAINTANGO, LTD,
Plaintiff,

v.

MOZILLA CORPORATION,
Defendant.

Case No. 20-cv-02688-NC

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART
AND DENYING IN PART
PLAINTIFF'S
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION
TO SEAL**

Re: Dkt. No. 2

Before the Court is plaintiff Intango, LTD's administrative motion to seal portions of its complaint and an exhibit to that complaint. *See* Dkt. No. 2. As the Court previously noted, when a party seeks to seal a judicial record that is more than tangentially related to the underlying cause of action, it must articulate "compelling reasons supported by specific factual findings that outweigh the general history of access and the public policies favoring disclosure." *Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 474 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006). Compelling reasons exists when court records may be used "to gratify private spite, promote public scandal, circulate libelous statements, or release trade secrets." *Id.* at 1179. The compelling reasons standard applies here as the motion seeks to seal portions of the complaint, which is more than tangentially related to the underlying cause of action. *Kamakana*, 474 F.3d at 1178.

On May 5, 2020, Mozilla filed a declaration, outlining the asserted reasons for sealing. *See* Dkt. No. 10. Mozilla contends that publicly filing unredacted versions of the

1 complaint or exhibit would reveal Mozilla's confidential technical capabilities and
2 business strategies. *See id.* ¶¶ 3–5. Preventing the release of trade secrets is a compelling
3 reason to seal. *See Kamakana*, 474 F.3d at 1179.

4 Mozilla, however, does not seek to seal portions of paragraphs 43, 67, and 106 of
5 the complaint identified in Intango's motion. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS IN PART
6 Intango's motion, but DENIES IN PART the motion as to those three paragraphs. Intango
7 must file a redacted version of the complaint with paragraphs 43, 67, and 106 unredacted
8 by **May 21, 2020**.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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11 Dated: May 7, 2020



NATHANAEL M. COUSINS
United States Magistrate Judge